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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Eighth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH THE—

Stony Creek Church

NASH COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing on Friday before the FourthSunday

November. 1918

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PROCEEDINGS.

Friday, Nov. 22nd, the Bethlehem Primitive Association met in session with the Stoney Creek Church, Nash county, N. C.. Elder S. Bustn sang hymn on page 452 and led in prayer. Elder R. Hyman preached the introductory sermon from the 85th Psalm of David. After a short session the Association reassembled with Elder S. mon Hembridge, and the Moderator pronounced the house in order for business.

Moved that Elder S. Buston be chosen Moderator of this Association. Agreed on motion that Lewis H. Hart be chosen Clerk and Brother S. Lucas, Assistant Clerk. Agreed on motion that visiting Brethren and Messengers be invited to sit with us and form a part in conference and feeling themselves at home. Agreed on motion that we now appoint a committee on arrangements of preach- Buston Moderator and sang hymn. Prayer by Elder Sing from day to day. Elder S. Buston, B. F. Davis and W. Davis, the committee, decided that Elder George Hembridge, Elder Simon Hembridge. Agreed on motion that we send Bro. Simpsan Hart to the stand to record the minister's text from day to day.

Agreed on motion that there be a committee appointed on finance. B. F. Davis, W. Davis and W. H. Hart. Agreed on motion that corresponding messengers on letters be called for from the Tar River Association. Elder Simon Hembridge and Elder Geo. Hembridge was present representing Peace and Love may Continue. Agred on motion that the report of the corresponding messengers be received by the Moderator extending to the messengers the right hand of fellowship. Agreed on motion that Petitionary Letters be called for. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for and read. Agreed on motion that we now see where the next Association set Agreed on motion that the next Association set with th Corner Line Church, Wilson County, N. C., commencing Friday, before the 4th Sunday in Oct., 1919. Agreedon motion that Elder S. Buston preach the introductory sermon and Elder George Dickens alternate Agreed on motion that we now appoint Delegates to visit sister Associations. Elder R. Hyman, Elder Wil-

liam Howard. Agreed on motion that the Clerk and the Moderator prepare the Circular letter. Agreed on motion that the Association restore Brother Willie Barnes to his butlership. Agreed on motion that this Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Elder S. Buston Moderator; Lewis H. Hart, Clerk; S. Lucas, Assistant Clerk.

SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 23, 1918.

The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator sang hymn on page 5 30,and prayer by Elder R. Hyman, then the Moderator pronounced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion the list of churches called for yesterday's proceedings be read and the circular letter. Agreed and moved that yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be received. Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report. Reported all well. Agreed on motion that we now take up unfinished business. Agreed on motion that this Association have 400 copies printed under the supervision of the Moderator and the Clerk. Agreed on motion that the Articles of Faith and the Decorum be printed in the Minutes. Agreed on motion that the money this Association loaned the Stony Creek Church be prolonged, and also to the Johnson Chapel church. Agreed on motion that the Conference adjourn by the Moderator singing hymn on page 511.

ELDER S. BUSTON, Moderator.

LEWIS H. HART, Clerk.

SAM LUCAS, Assistant Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the Eighth Annual Session of the Primitive Baptist Association held with the church of Stony Creek. Dear Brothers we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has permitted us to see another Association. Dear Brothers we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father. Behold how good and pleasant it is

for brothers to dwell together in unity. Be of one mind. How can two walk together except they agree. Remember the word of the Lord, for he has told us, Wheresover two or three assemble together touching and agreing upon one thing He will be in the midst to bless the poor and the needy. We feel that we are the poor and the needy. Christ has told us, together we stand, divided we fall.

THE MINISTER'S TEXT

Saturday morning Elder Johnny Winstead sang a hymn on page 125, and Brother Cromwell Farmer led in prayer, and Elder Johnny Winstead preached from the 32nd book of Deuteronomy and 9th verse.

Elder W. M. Howard sang hymn on page 490, and preached from the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy and 9th verse.

Saturday evening the Moderator sang a hymn on page 415. Brother Henry Baker led in prayer, and Elder R. Hyman preached from the 2nd chapter of Jonah and 2nd verse. The Moderator sang a hymn on page 623 for the dismission.

Sunday morning Moderator sang a hymn on page 161 and Elder W. M. Howard led in prayer, and Elder Jno. H. Winstead preached from the 2nd book of Exodus.

Elder George Dickens preahced from John, 9th chapter and 5th verse. The Moderator sang hymn on page 618 for the close.

THE CAUSE OF SEPARATION.

The churches were regularly organized by Elder A. Wooten and other ministers, and were members of the Radicue Association until 1910. Then a trouble arose between Elder A. Wooten and Elder N. Johnson at the Few-In-Number Church, on the part of Elder A. Wooten of Elder N. Johnson's personal character which became public among the brethren. This was why said N. Johnson spoke of it in the conference. Then the trouble

began. After some debate in conference, the said A. Wooten told the conference that the people had told him years ago, but the people were dead or some of them. Then Elder N. Johnson asked him to forgive him for speaking about it if the people were dead. He refused to do so and would not commune with him. Yet he refused to allow the matter to be tried at the home church against the wishes of the church, taking the matter to an other church which was not according to church government, neither was it in Gospel order. Therefore, we the church at Few-In-Number, would not give up for our member to be tried in such a disorderly way. This is why they call us in disorder. We hope the Lord will show our brethren thir wrong. This done by order of the church, assisted by five other churches joining us.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM.

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in conference each month, each member without some lawful excuse shall be present, in the absence of the pastor the church shall chose a Moderator whose duty it shall be to open doors for the reception for all the members. the members.

2. The oldest first in order.

3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.

5. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken under considreation by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without consent from the conference.

8. No whispering and laughing shall be allowed in

the time of conference, nor shall any reflections be cast upon the speaker unless he departs from the subject.

9. No member shall absent himself from the conference without leave from the Moderator!

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall not vote unless the conference is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend two regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse the deacon of the church shall look after him or her.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their churches.

13. No church in this union shall allow any minister who has been called down by three churches to preach in their pulpit nor bid them God's speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the eternal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debators in any conference of the union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are observed .

17. An amendment to this form of goverment may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in its fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt. This motion was made by Elder N. Johnson. Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in speculation on the Sabbath day. We further agree that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpits who is given to drunkenness.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The twelve artiles of faith upon which the Bethlehem sociation was constituted, and for which she now contends:

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that

there are three persons in the God head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of one eternal and special election, Deut. 7:6, Acts 22:14, Romans 8:30, Matt. 24:31, St. John 10:16, 6:37, Rom. 9:11, Peter 1:2 and 2:9.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:6.

5. We believe in man's competency to recover himself from the fallen state he is now in by nature of his own free will and ability. Jer.10:23.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11, Rom. 10:4, Gal. 3:21 and

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and the washing of saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordinance only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS AND THE SATURDAY BEFORE IN EACH MONTH.

Few-in-Number—3rd Sunday.
Bethlehem—4th Sunday.
Living Hope—1st Sunday.
Connor Line—4th Sunday.
New Hope, 2nd Sunday.
Stony Creek—2nd Sunday.
Johnson's Chapel—4th Sunday.

Table of Statistics.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES	ELDERS AND ADDRESS	DELEGATES	Baptised	Received on Profession of Faith	Received by Letr	Dismissed by Letr	Excommunicated	Restored	Deceased	Membership
Few-in-Number—Edgecombe..	Elder R. Hyman.....,Fountain	W Davis, W. H. Hart.....	11	.....	...	...	.2	.2	.5	117
Bethlehem—Edgecombe..... ...	" R. Hyman..... ....."	V. Jenkins, Robert Jennins.....	..3	.....	...	...	...	...	.2	67
Living Hope—Edgecombe.....	" G Dickens.....Tarboro	B. F. Davis. Julius Eppe.....	..3	...3..	...	...	..1	...	..1	58
Connor Line—Wilson	" S. Buston.., Sharpsburg	Wiley Barnes, Peter Barnes.....	...	.. 1..	...	..	...	...	...	16
New Hope—Wilson	....	A. Horne, Kelley Johnson	...	...1..	..1	...	...	...	...	14
Stony Creek—Nash	" G. Dickens .....Tarboro	S. Lucas, Simpson Hart.....	...	...1..	...	...	...	...	..2	8
Johnson's Chapel—Edgecomb	" G. Dickens..... ".....	Bert Knight, S. Ward	...	...1..	...	...	.2	..1	..1	12
Rocky Valle.—Edgecombe.....	" G. Dickens.....".....	S. Lucas, B. Battle..	..2	...2..	...	...	...	...	...	...7
Traveler's Rest—Wilson..... ...	" J. H. Winston..,Pinetops	B F. Davis, Nathan Lucas.....	..1	...2..	...	..2	...	...	...	...6

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MINUTES

OF THE

Eleventh Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Living Hope Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing Friday before Fourth Sunday in October, 1921

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, October 21st, 1921

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Living Hope Church Edgecombe County, N. C. Elder G. Dickens sang hymn on page 503, and Elder S. Buston led in prayer. Elder G. Dickens preached the introductory sermon from St. John 15:1, and Elder R. Hyman, alternate, preached from Psalms of Solomon, 2:12 Then the Moderator dismissed the Association for one hour after which the Association re-assembled with Elder S. Buston presiding moderator. Elder Anderson Whitted opened by singing hymn on page 579 and led in prayer. Then the Moderator pronounced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston be chosen as Moderator of the Association.

Agreed on motion that Lewis H. Hart be chosen Clerk and S. Lucas Assistant Clerk.

Agreed on motion that visiting brethren and messengers be invited to seats with us and form a part in our conference and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston, B. F. Davis and W. Davis be a committee on arrangement on preaching from day to day. The committee decided to send Elder Hassell Hembridge and Bro. Wiley Barnes to the stand to preach for the people.

Agreed on motion to send Bro. Simpson Hart to the stand to record the ministers texts from day today.

Agreed on motion that W. H. Hart, B. F. Davis and W. Davis be appointed a committee on finance.

Agreed on motion that corresponding messengers and letters be called for. From the Tar River Association Elder George Hembridge and Bro. Hassell Hembridge representing Peace and Love may continue. Elder A. Whitted was present from the Durham Association and Elder Lacy Alston representing Peace and Love may continue.

Agreed on motion that the report of the correspondence be received by the Moderator, extending to the messengers the right hand of feilowship.

Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for. None responded.

Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for and read. There were 9 handed in and read by the clerk.

Agreed on motion that the letters be received.

Agreed on motion that we now see where the next Association sits. There were two churches who sent in their petition. New Hope Church and the Traveler's Rest Church.

Agreed by this Association that the next Association sit with the New Hope Church, Wilson County, N. C. commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October 1922.

Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston preach the introductory sermon and Elder G. Dickens, alternate. This Association changed her meeting days for better convenience.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and the Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Agreed on motion that tht Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o,clock, by singing hymn No. 337. Benediction by Elder S. Buston.

LEWIS H. HART, Clerk

S. B. LUCAS, Assistant Clerk.

Saturday, October 22nd, 1921

The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator sang hymn on page 352, after which Elder Hembridge led in prayer. Then the Moderator pronounced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that the roll of churches be called and yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be read.

Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings and the Circular Letter be received.

Agreed on motion that the committee on finance make their report. Reported all well.

Agreed that the reports be received.

Agreed on motion that we now take unfinished business. The committee decided to send to the stand Bro. D. Baker and Elder William Howard to preach for the people.

Agreed on motion that we now choose delegates to visit sister associations in which we are in correspondence.

Agreed to send Elder S. Buston and Elder G. Dickens to the Durham Association.

Agreed on motion that the Association have 500 minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and the Clerk.

Agreed on motion that the Articles of Faith and the Church Government be printed in the minutes,

Agreed that the Moderator and the Clerk to correct all mistakes.

Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn by the Moderator singing hymn on page 639.

Elder S. BUSTON, Moderator
LEWIS H. HART, Clerk
S. LUCAS, Assistant Clerk.

MINISTER'S TEXTS

FRIDAY EVENING: Elder Hassel Hembridge sang hymn on page 76 and led in prayer, and preached from I. Kings, 19:11-12. Bro. Willie Barnes sang hymn on page 490 and preached from Acts, 9:2 Bro. Cromwell Farmer preached from II. Timothy, 4:1. Elder Johnny Winstead sang hymn on page 518 for the close.

SATURDAY MORNING: David Baker sang hymn on page 433 and led in prayer, and preached from St. John 15:1. Elder William Howard sang hymn on page 22 and preached from Deut. 32:1. Bro. Jarrat Dancy preached from Deut. 32:1. The Moderator sang hymn on page 120 for the close.

SATURDAY EVENING: Elder Johnny Winstead

sang hymn on page 435 and led in prayer, and preached from Timothy, 2:9. Elder George Hembridge, from the Tar River Association sang hymn on page 353 and preached from St. John, 3:1. The Moderator sang hymn on page 623 for the close.

SUNDAY MORNING: The Moderator sang hymn on page 694 and Elder William Howard led in prayer. Elder Lacy Alston, from the Durham Association sang hymn on page 47 and preached from Romans 5:1. Elder Anderson Whitted, from the Durham Association sang hymn on page 345 and preached from St. John, 1:1. Elder George Hembridge from the Tar River Association sang hymn on page 356 and preached from St. John, 2:1. The Moderator sang hymn on page 615 for the close.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few-in-Number	Third Sunday	and Saturday	before
Bethlehem	Fourth Sunday	"	"
Living Hope	First Sunday	"	"
Connor Line	Fourth Sunday	"	"
New Hope	Second Sunday	"	"
Stoney Creek	Second Sunday	"	"
Johnson's Chapel	Fourth Sunday	"	"
Little Rock Valley	Third Sunday	"	"
Travellers' Rest	Second Sunday	"	"

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the eleventh annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association held with the Living Hope Church, Edgecombe County, N. C. commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1921.

Dear Brethren: The Lord has permitted us to meet again from North, East, West and South. We feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh, how good it is for Brethren to dwell together in peace.

He has commanded us to stand steadfast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with reverence and Godly fear.

Brethren, kindly pray for us that the Word of God may have its free course with us. We hope that peace may continue and all that we do may be done to the Glory of God.

Church Government and Decorum

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in conference each month; each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to open the doors for the reception of new members to fellowship

2. The oldest first in order.

3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.

Every motion made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without consent from the conference.

8. No whispering and laughing shall be allowed in the time of conference, nor shall any reflections be cast upon the speaker unless he departs from the subject.

9. No member shall absent himself from the conference without leave from the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shal have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall not vote unless the conference is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend two regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse the deacons of the church shall look after him or her.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their churches.

13. No church in this union shall allow any minister who has been called down by three churches to preach in their pulpit nor bid them God's speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the eternal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any conference of the union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are observed.

17. An amendment to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in its fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt. This motion was made by Elder N. Johnson. Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in speculation on the Sabbath Day. We further agree that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpits who is given to drunkenness.

Articles of Faith

The twelve Articles of Faith upon which the Bethlehem Association was constituted, and for which she now contends.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God hed: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of one eternal and special election, Deut. 7: 6, Acts 22: 14; Romans 8: 30, Matt. 24: 31. St. John 10: 16-6: 37, Romans 9: 11, Peter 1: 2 and 2: 9.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin: Gen. 3:6.

5. "Oh, Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11, Rom. 10:4, Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of Saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordinance only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES—COUNTIES	ELDERS and Post Offices	DELEGATES	Received by Baptism	Rec'd Profession of Faith	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excommunicated	Restored	Deceased	Membership
Few-in-Number, Edgecombe	Eld. R. Hyman, Fountain	W. Davis, W. H. Hart	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	125
Bethlehem, Edgecombe	Eld. R. Hyman, Fountain	V. Jenkins, Robt. Jenkins	0	6	1	0	1	1	0	67
Living Hope, Edgecombe	Eld. G. Dickens, Tarboro	B. F. Davis, W. Williams	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	54
Connor Line, Wilson	Eld. S. Buston, Sharpsburg	Wiley Barnes, R. Barnes	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	15
New Hope, Wilson	Eld. S. Buston, Sharpsburg	A. Horne, Kelly Johnson	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	13
Stoney Creek, Nash	Eld. G. Dickens, Tarboro	S. Lucas, Simpson Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe	Eld G. Dickens, Tarboro	S. Ward, James Barrett	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Little Rock Valley, Edgec'be	Eld. G. Dickens, Tarboro	S. Lucas, B. Battle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Traveler's Rest, Wilson	Eld. J. H. Winston, Pinetops	B. F. Davis, W. H. Hart	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	7

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Traveller's Rest Church

WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing Friday before Second Sunday in October, 1923

Proceedings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1923

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Travellers' Rest Church, Wilson County, N. C. Elder S. Buston opened service by singing hymn 208 and offered prayer. Elder J. H. Winstead preached the Introductory Sermon from II. Timothy, 4:1-2. Elder Dickens, Alternate, preached from Proverbs 9:1. The Moderstor dismissed the Association for one hour, after which the Association re-assembled with Elder S. Buston Presiding Moderator and sang hymn on page 527, and Elder Henby offered prayer.

Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston be chosen Moderator of the Association.

Agreed on motion that Bro. Lewis H. Hart be chosen Clerk and Bro. S. B. Lucas Assistant Clerk.

Agreed on motion that visiting brethren and messengers be invited to sit with us and take part in our conference and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion that Elders S Buston, B. F. Davis and W. H. Hart be a committee on preaching from day to day. The committee decided to send Elders Hassel Henley, Cromwell Farmer and Dewey Baker to preach to the people.

Agreed on motion that the Association send Bro. Simpson Hart to the stand to record the minister's texts from day to day.

Agreed on motion that B. F. Davis, W. H. Hart and W. Davis be appointed a committee on Finance.

Agreed on motion that corresponding messengers and letters from Sister Associations be called for. Elder George Hembridge and Elder Hassel Hembridge from the Tar River Association with a file of minutes representing peace and love.

Agreed on motion that the messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Agreed on motion that the letter from the Durham Association be received.

Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for. No response was made.

Agreed on motion that letters from Sister Churches be called for. Nine letters were handed in and read by the Clerk.

Agreed on motion that letters from Sister Churches be received.

Agreed on motion that we see where the next session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association shall sit. Stony Creek Church and Johnson Chapel Church both asked for the next session.

Agreed on motion that the next session sit with the Johnson Chapel Church, Tarboro, N. C. commencing Friday before Second Sunday in October, 1924.

Agreed on motion that Elder George Dickens preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder S. Buston, Alternate.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning nine o'clock. The Moderator dismissed it by singing hymn on page 300.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13th, 1923

The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator sang hymn on page 455, after which Elder William Howard led in prayer. The Moderator pronounced the house in order for busines[illegible]

Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings and the Circular Letter be read.

Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings and the Circular Letter be received.

Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report. They reported well.

Agreed on motion that the report of the Finance Committee be received.

Agreed on motion that we now take up unfinished business. The committee agreed to send Bros. Wiley Barnes and Jarrett Dancy and Elder William Howard to the stand to preach for the people.

Agreed that we take up delegates to visit Sister Associations.

Agreed to send to the Tar River Association Elders S. Buston and George Dickens.

Agreed to send to the Durham Association Elders S. Buston and ~~George Dickens~~. Passengers get off at Winston-Salem at Antioch Church.

R. Hyman

Agreed on motion that this Association have 500 minutes printed under supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Agreed on motion that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be printed in the minutes, and the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes.

Agreed on motion that the Association have fifty copies of the statistical table printed.

Agreed on motion that Association adjourn by the Moderator singing hymn on page 55.

ELDER S. BUSTON, Moderator.
LEWIS H. HART, Clerk.
S. B. LUCAS, Assistant Clerk.

MINISTER'S TEXTS

FRIDAY EVENING—Elder Hassell Hembridge from the Tar River Association sang hymn on page 188 and preached from Isaiah 12:1. Elder Cromwell Farmer preached from Isaiah 63:1. Elder Dow Baker sang hymn on page 41 and preached from Psalms of David 23:1. The Moderator sang hymn on page 272 for dismission.

SATURDAY MORNING—Bro. Wiley Barnes sang hymn on page 530 and offered prayer and preached from Ezekial 36:3. Bro. Jarrett Dancy sang hymn on page 76 and preached from St. John 1:1. Elder William Howard sang hymn on page 198 and preached from Ezekial 36:1. The Moderator dismissed by singing hymn on page 284.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—The Moderator sang hymn on page 41. Bro. Henry Baker offered prayer. Bro. Henry Leathers from the Durham Association sang hymn on page 490 and preached from Matthew 24:1. Bro. Robert Day from the Durham Association sang hymn on page 200 and preached from Corinthians 15. The Moderator closed by singing hymn on page 559.

SUNDAY MORNING—Elder Dow Baker sang hymn on page 187 and William Howard offered prayer. After which Elder Dow Baker preached from Matthew 2:2. Elder R. Hyman sang hymn on page 625 and preached from Deutoro-

nomy 32:9-10. Elder George Hembridge from the Tar River Association sang hymn on page 22 and preached from John 1:1. The Moderator closed by singing hymn on page 623.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the thirteenth annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Bsptist Association held with the Traveler's Rest Church, Wilson County, N. C. commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1923.

Dear Brethren:—The Lord has permitted us to meet again, from North, West, East and South. We feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for preserving our lives. O, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. He has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with Godly fear. Dear brethren, kindly pray for us that the Word of God may have it's free course with us. We hope that peace may continue and all that we do may be done to the Glory of God.

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15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any conference [illegible] David [illegible]

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are observed.

17. An amendment to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in its fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt. This motion was made by Elder N[illegible]hnson. Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in speculation on the Sabbath Day. We further agree that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpits who is given to drunkenness.

Articles of Faith

The twelve Articles of Faith upon which the Bethlehem Association was constituted, and for which she now contends.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhed: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of one eternal and special election, Deut. 7:6, Acts 22:14; Romans 8:30, Matt. 24:31. St. John 10:16-6:37, Romans 9:11, Peter 1:2 and 2:9.

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5. "Oh, Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11, Rom. 10:4, Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of Saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

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Bethlehem, Edgecombe	R. Hyman, Fountain.	V. Jenkins, Isaac Baker	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	65
Living Hope, Edgecombe	George Dickens, Tarboro	B. F. Davis, Allen Johnson ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Conner Line, Wilson	S. Buston, Sharpsburg.....	Wiley Barnes, Peter Barnes...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
New Hope, Wilson.....	S. Buston, Sharpsburg..	A. Horne, Kelly Johnson ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Stoney Creek, Nash	George Dickens, Tarboro	S. Lucas, Simpson Hart	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	22
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe..	George Dickens, Tarboro	S. Ward. James Barrett	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Little Rock Valley, Edgec'be	George Dickens, Tarboro	S. Lucas, B. Battle....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Traveller's Rest, Wilson	J. H. Winstead, Pinetops	B. F. Davis	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifteenth Anual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist ASSOCIATION

"Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature."

HELD WITH THE

Bethlehem Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Commencing Friday before the second Sunday

October 1925

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Friday, October 9, 1925.

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Bethlehem Church, Edgecombe county. Elder *R.* Hyman sang hymn No. 518. Afterwhich Elder George Hemby led in prayer and Elder R. Hyman preached the Introductory Sermon from *A*cts the 7th chapter and 5th verse. Rev. S. *B*uston alternate. The *M*oderator dismissed the Association for one hour.

The Association reassembled with Elder S. Buston presiding Moderator, and sang hymn No. 88. Prayer by Elder George Dickens, then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston be chosen Moderator of the Association.

Agreed on motion that Sam Lucas be chosen Clerk and Bro. Willie Williams, Assistant Clerk.

Agreed on motion that visiting brethren and messengers be invited to sit with us and take part in our conference and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston, B. F. Davis. W. H. Hart be a committee on preaching from day to day. The committee decided to send to the stand Bro. Henry Baker, Elder Wiley Barnes, Elder Jarrett Dancy to preach for the people.

Agreed on motion that we send Brother Simpson Hart to the stand to record the ministers text.

Agreed on motion that B. F. Davis, W. H. Hart, Isaac Baker be a committee on finance.

Agreed on motion that corresponding messsengers and letters from sister association be called for from Tar River. Elder George Hemby and Elder Hassell Hemby came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and corresponding continued.

Agreed on motion that delegate from Tar River be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to Messengers. From Durham Association Elder Anderson Whittie and Elder Lacy Alston came forth desiring their correspondence to continue.

Agreed on motion that the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to messengers.

Agreed on motion that Petitionary Letters be called for. Brother William Hart and Brother Blossom Ward came forth from the Mount Olivet Church with a letter of Petition desiring to represent in the Association. Brothers Van

Jenkins and Joe Joyner came forth from Diggs Chapel with a letter of petition desiring to represent in the association.

Agreed on motion that the petitionary letters be read.

Agreed on motion that the petitionary letters be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to messengers-

Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for. Eleven letters were handed in and read by the clerk.

Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be received.

Agreed on motion we see where the next Bethlehem Primitive Association shall set. Stony Creek asked for the next session.

Agreed on motion that the next session set with the Stoney Creek Church, Nash county, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1926.

Agreed on motion Elder Dickens preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder S. Buston alternate.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare a Circular Letter.

Agreed on motion that the association adjourn until tomorrow morning nine o'clock. The Moderator dismissed by singing hymn No. 511.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 10, 1925.

The association met according to adjournment. The Moderator sang hymn No. 452, afterwhich Elder Anderson Whittie offered prayer. Then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that roll of churches be called and the yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be read.

Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be received.

Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report.

Agreed on motion that the report of Finance Committee be received.

Agreed on motion that we take up unfinished business. The committee decided to send to the stand Bro. Thompson, Elder Cromwell Farmer and Elder D. Baker.

Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit sister associations. To the Tar River Association, Elder S. Buston and Elder Dickens, to Durham Association Elder S. Buston and Elder Dickens.

Agreed on motion that we have 500 minutes printed under the supervision of Moderator and Clerk.

Agreed on motion that the article of faith and the decorum be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk have privilege to correct all mistakes.

Agreed on motion that the ministers and their post office be printed in our minutes,

Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn by the Moderator singing hymn No. 382.

Elder S. Buston, Moderator
S. B. Lucas, Clerk
Willie Williams, Assistant Clerk

MINISTER'S TEXT

Brother Henry Baker sang hymn No. 435, Bro. Wiley Barnes led in prayer. Bro. Henry Baker preached from St. John 3rd. chapter, 11th verse. Elder Wiley Barnes sang hymn No. 530 and preached. Elder Jarret Dancy sang hymn No. 288 and preached from Deut. 32nd. chapter, 1st verse, Bro. Henry Baker sang hymn No. 339 and dismissed.

SATURDAY MORNING

Bro. Thompson from the Durham Association sang hymn No. 356 and led in prayer and preached from Rev. 22nd chapter. Elder Cromwell Farmer preached from Isaiah 36 chapter, 1st verse. Elder Dower Baker sang hymn No. 395 and preached from John 7:1. The Moderator sang hymn No. 334.

SATURDAY EVENING

Brother Byrd from the Durham Association sang hymn No. 490 and led in prayer and preached from 2nd Timothy 7th verse. Elder George Hemby from the Tar River Association sang hymn No. 612, and preached from Exodus 13:14. The Moderator sang hymn No. 559.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn No. 482 and Elder S. Buston led in prayer. Elder J. H. Winstead preached from Proverbs of Solomon 8th chapter. Elder Dickens sang hymn No. 5, and preached from the 2nd. chapter of Song of Solomon. Elder Lacy Alston from the Durham Association sang hymn No. 195 and preached from Isaiah 6:2. Elder Anderson Whittie from Durham Association sang hymn No. 273 and preached from St. John 14:1. The Moderator sang hymn No. 714.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the fifteenth annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association held with the Bethlehem Church, Edgecombe County, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1925.

Dear Brethren. the Lord has permitted us to meet again from north, east, south and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives. "Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace!" He has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God witn Godly fear.

Dear Brethren, kindly pray for us that the word of God may have its free course with us. We hope that peace may be done to the Glory of God.

ELDERS AND PREACHERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder S. Buston ..... Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder Dickens ..... Tarboro, N. C.
Elder R. Hyman..... Fountain, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead..... Pinetops, N. C.
Elder W. M. Howard..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder D. Baker... .. .. Kingsboro, N. C.
Elder Cromwell Farmer..... ..... Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Jarrett Dancy..... ..... Williamston, N. C.
Elder Wiley Barnes.. .... Stantonburg, N. C.
Brother Henry Baker .... Kingsboro, N. C.
Brothrr J. J. Kaigled ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.

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3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.
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16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are observed.

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18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in its fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt. This motion was made by Elder N. Johnson. Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in speculation on the Sabbath. We further agree that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpits who is given to drunkenness.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The twelve Articles of Faith upon which the Bethel Association was constituted, and for which she now contends:

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Living Hope, Edgecombe.....	G. Dickens, Tarboro.....	*B.* F. Davis, A. Josnson.....	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	55
Corner Line, Wilson.....	S. Buston, Sharpsburg....	A. Horne, Peter Barnes.....	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	16
New Hope, Wilson.....	S. Buston, Sharpsburg,...	A. Horne, Kelly Johnson.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Stoney Creek, Nash.....	G. Dickens, Tarboro, ...	S. Lucas, A. Lucas.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Johnson Chapel Edgecombe...	G. Dickens, Tarboro.....	James Barret, Chl. Powell.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
Little Rock Valley, Edgecombe	G. Dickens, Tarboro.....	S. Lucas, *B.* Battle.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
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..	J. H. Winstead, Pinetops	*W.* H. Hart, B. Ward.....	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
	W. Barnes, Stantonburg	W. Jenkins, J. A. Joyner.....	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3

MINUTES

Of the 16th Annual Session of the

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

STONEY CREEK CHURCH

Nash County, N. C.

Commencing Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1926

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PROCEEDINGS.

Friday, October 8, 1926.

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Stoney Creek Church, Nash County, N. C., on above date. Elder Dickens opened by singing hymn 116. Elder William Howard led in prayer, after which Elder Dickens preached the introductory sermon from the 15th chapter of St. John. Elder S. Buston alternate sang hymn No. 372 and preached from Romans the 10th chapter. Then the moderator dismissed for three quarters of an hour.

The association reassembled with Elder S. Buston presiding. The moderator sang hymn No. 188. Elder Anderson Whittie led in prayer. Then the moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston be chosen moderator of the association. Agreed on motion that Bro. Sam Lucas be chosen clerk and that Bro. Willie Wright Williams be chosen assistant clerk. Agreed on motion that visiting brethren and messengers be invited to sit with us and take part in conference, feeling themselves at home. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston, W. H. Hart, B. F. Davis be appointed a committee on arrangement on preaching from day to day.

The committee decided to send to the stand Elder Wiley Barnes, Elder Cromwell Farmer and Elder Jarrett Dancy to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that we send to the stand Bro. Simpson Hart to record the ministers texts from day to day. Agreed on motion that Bros. B.F. Davis, W. H. Hart and Isaac Baker be appointed a committee on finance. Agreed on motion that corresponding letters be read and messengers make their report. From the Durham Association Elder Anderson Whittie desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate be received from the Durham Association, the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger. From the Tar River Association Elder George Hemby and Elder Hassie Hemby came forth with a file of minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegates from the Tar River Association be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for. Brothers William Hart and George Joyner came from the Zion Hill church with a letter of petition desiring to represent in the association.

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Agreed on motion that petitionary letter be read. Agreed on motion that petitionary letter be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for. Twelve letters were handed in and read by the clerk. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be received. Agreed on motion that we see where the next Primitive Baptist Association shall sit at. Corner Line and Few In Number asked for it. Agreed on motion that the next session set with Corner Line Church, Wilson County N. C., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1927. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston preach the introductory sermon and Elder Dickens alternate. Agreed on motion the moderator and clerk prepare the circular letter.

Agreed on motion the association adjourn until tomorrow morning. dismissed by singing hymn page 25,

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SATURDAY MORNING—October 9, 1926

The Association met according to adjournment. The moderator opened the conference by singing hymn on page 338. Elder R. Hyman led in prayer, then the moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches be called for and the yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be read. Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be received. Agreed on motion that the finance committee make their report. Agreed on motion that the report of the finance committee be received.

Agreed on motion that we take up unfinished business. The committee decided to send to the stand Elder Hassie Hemby and Elder J.J. Kaigled and Elder William Howard to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit sister associations in whom we are in correspondence. Agreed on motion that we send Elder S. Buston and Elder Dickens to the Tar River Association. Agreed on motion that we send Elder S. Buston and Elder Dickens to Durham Association. Agreed on motion that we have 550 minutes printed under the supervision of the moderator and clerk. Agreed on motion that the articles of faith and church decorum be printed in the minutes. Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that ministers and their post offices be printed in our minutes

Agreed on motion that the association adjourn by the moderator singing hymn on page 345. Benediction by Elder Whittie.

ELDER S. BUSTON, Moderator.
S. B. LUCAS, Clerk.
Willie Wright Williams, Assistant Clerk.

Ministers and their Sermon.

Friday evening Elder Wylie Barnes sang hymn 172 and led in prayer. He preached from Ezekiel 37th chapter and 4th verse. Elder Cromwell Farmer preached from 62nd chapter Isaiah and the 1st verse. Elder Jarrett Dancy sang hymn 288 and preached from Ephesians 1st chapter and 1st verse. The moderator sang hymn on page 272.

Saturday morning Elder Hassel Hemby sang hymn 188 and led in prayer and preached from 4th Timothy and 1st verse. Elder J J. Kaigled preached from 16th chapter of Revelation 3rd verse. Elder William Howard sang hymn on page 22 and preached from the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy. Elder Dowell Baker sang hymn 498 and preached from Isaiah 40th chapter and 6th verse. The moderator sang hymn 623.

Saturday evening Bro. Thompson from the Durham Association sang hymn 5 and preached from the 4th chapter of St. John and the 7th verse. Elder George Hemby from the Tar River Association preached from Exodus 13 chapter and 19th verse. Elder Whittie from the Durham Association sang 518, preached from 4th chapter St. John and 14th verse. The Moderator sang hymn 387.

Sunday morning the moderator sang hymn 208 and Elder Dowell Baker led in prayer. Bro. Thompson from the Durham Association sang hymn 88 and preached from Exodus 3rd chapter and the 5th verse. Elder John Winstead sang hymn 230 and preached from the subject: "Behold the babe." Elder R. Hyman sang hymn 353 and preached from the 8th chapter of the Proverbs and the 23rd verse. Elder Whittie from the Durham Association sang hymn 149 and preached from the text St. John 3rd chapter 14th verse. The moderator sang hymn 284..

CIRCULAR LETTER.

This is the 16th annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Stoney Creek church, Nash County, North Carolina, commencing Friday

before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1926.

Dear Brethren: The Lord has permitted us to meet again from north, east, south and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty, wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear, and pray that the word of God may have its free course with us. We hope that peace may continue and all we do be done to the glory of God.

ELDERS AND PREACHERS AND THEIR P. O.

Elder S. Buston.....Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder G. Dickens.....Tarboro, N. C.
Elder R. Hyman.....Fountain, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead.....Pinetops, N. C.
Elder W. M. Howard.....Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder D. Baker.....Kingsboro, N. C.
Elder Cromwell Farmer.....Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Jarrett Dancy.....Williamston, N. C.
Elder Wiley Barnes.....Stantonburg, N. C.
Elder J. J. Kaigled.....Rocky Mount, N. C.
Bro. Henry Baker.....Kingsboro, N. C.

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17. An amendment to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in its fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt. This motion was made by Elder N. Johnson. Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in speculation on the Sabbath Day.

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10. We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordiance only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

MEETING DAYS

Few in Number, Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem, Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope, First Sunday and Saturday before.
Corner Line Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope second Sunday and Saturday before.
Stoney Creek second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johson Chapel Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Travelers Rest second Sunday and Saturday before.

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Bethlehem, Edgecombe	" "	V. Jenkins, Isaac Baker	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	57
Living Hope, Edgecombe...	G. Dickens, Tarboro	B F. Davis, A. Johnson	7	0	0	0	0	2	2	62
Corner Line, Wilson	S. Buston Sharpsburg	A. Horne, P. Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
New Hope, Wilson	S. Buston "	" Kelly Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	17
Stoney Creek, Nash	G. Dickens, Tarboro	S.B. Lucas, A. Lucas ..	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	14
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe	G. Dickens, Tarboro	J.S. Barnes, C. Powell...	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
Little Rock Valley, Edgecomb	G. Dickens "	S.B. Lucas, A. Lucas..	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
Traveller's Rest, Wilson	J.H. Winstead, Pine Top	B. F. Davis, V. Jenkins	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	13
Mt. Olive, Pitt...	J.H. Winstead, Pine Top	W.H. Hart, E. L Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Diggs Chapel, Wayne.....	W. Barnes, Stantonburg	J.H. Ellis, W. L. Ford...	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Zion Hill, Nash...	C. Farmer, Macclesfield	W.H. Hart, G. Joyner...	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

CORNEN LINE CHURCH

WILSON COUNTY

Commencing on Friday before the second Sunday

October 1927

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, October 7th, 1927

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with Corner Line Church, Wilson, County, N.C. Elder S. Buston, opened by singing hymn no. 476. After which Elder Dickens offered prayer. Elder S. Buston preached the introductory sermon from 1st Cor. and first verse, after which Elder Dickens, alternate, sang hymn 57 and preached from St. John 4th chapter, 7th verse. The moderetor dismissed for one hour.

The association reassembled with Elder S. Buston presding. The moderater sang hymn no. 240. Elder George Hemby led in prayer. Then the moderator announced the house in order for buisness. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston be chosen moderator of the association. Agreed on motion that brother Sam Lucas be chosen clerk, and brother Willie Wright Williams be chosen assistant clerk. Agreed on motion that visiting brothers and messengers be invited to sit with us and take part in our conference and feel themselves at home. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston, B. F. Davis and W. H. Hart be a committee on arrangement for preaching from day to day.

The committee decided to send to the stand brother Weaver, brother Henry Baker and Elder Jarrett Dancy to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that brother Simpson Hart go to the stand and record the ministers' Text from day to day. Agreed on motion that B. F. Davis W. H. Hart and Isaac Baker be a committee on finance Agreed on motion that corresponding messengers and letters from sister associations make their report.

Elder George Hemby and Elder Hassie Hemby came forth with a file of minute and desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegates from the Tar River be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Elder Anderson Whittie from Durham association came forth desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegates be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for. Twelve letters were handed in and read by the clerk.

Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be received. Agreed on motion that we see where the next

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Bethlehem Association shall set. Diggs Chapel and Few In Number and Living Hope asked for it. Agreed on motion that the next session set with the Few In Number Church, Edgecombe county commencing on Friday before the Second sunday in October, 1928. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston preach the introductory sermon and Elder R. Hyman, alternate Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk prepare the circular letter. Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn 'til tomorrow morning nine o'clock. The moderator sang hymn no. 511, Benediction by Elder S. Buston.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8th, 1927

The association met according to adjournment. The moderator open conference by singing hymn no 452. Elder R. Hyman led in prayer, then the moderator announced the house in order for buisness. Agreed on motion that roll of churches be called and yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be read. Agreed on motion that finance committee make their reports. Agreed on motion that the report of the finance committee be received. Agreed on motion that we take up unfinished buisness.

The committee decided to send to the Stand Elder J.J. Kaigled, Elder Hassie Hemby, Elker Wiley Barnes, and Elder Cromwell Farmer to preach for the people Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit sister associations with whom we are in correspondence. Agreed on motion that we send to Tar River Association Elder George Dickens and Elder R. Hyman, Agreed on motion that we send to the Durham Association Elder S Buston and Elder George Dickens, 1928 at Page's Harbor, 16 miles from Burlington. Agreed on motion that we have 550 minutes printed under the supervision of the moderator and clerk. Agreed on motion that the article of faith and Decorum be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that the ministers post offices be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion that the association adjourn by singing hymn no 337. Benediction by Elder Anderson Whittie.

Elder S. Buston, Moderator
Sam Lucas, Clerk
Willie Wright Williams,
Assisstant Clerk

MINISTERS' TEXTS.

Friday Evening:—Brother William Weaver lined hymn 198 and led in prayer and preached from the 8th chapter of the Proverbs 22nd verse.

Bro. Henry Baker lined hymn 476 and preached from the 13th chapter of John, "If ye believe in God, believe also in me."

Elder Garret Dancy lined hymn 492. 1st Ephesians and the 1st verse was used as a text. The moderator lined hymn 188 with which to close.

Saturday Morning:—Elder Jim Kaigled lined hymn on page 338 and preached from 6th chapter Esther and the 1st verse. Elder Hassie Hemby from the Tar River Association lined hymn on page 356 and preached from the 24th chapter of Numbers and the 17th verse.

Elder Wylie Barnes lined hymn on page 174 and preach from the 3rd chapter of Exodus 7th and 8th verse.

Elder Cromwell Farmer lined hymn on page 18 and preached from 26th chapter Isaiah and 1st verse. The moderator lined hymn 120.

Saturday Evening:—Elder Frank Baker lined hymn 507 and preached from 3rd chapter of I John and 1st verse.

Elder John Winstead lined hymn 486 and preached from 32 chapter of Deuteronomy and the 9th verse.

Elder R. Hyman lined hymn 468 and preached from 5th chapter Matthew.

Elder Anderson Whittie lined hymn on page 184 and preached from the 1st John and the 15th verse. I know I have passed from death into life because I love the brethren. The moderator lined hymn 614 for closing.

Sunday Morning:—Elder George Hymbred from the Tar River Association lined hymn page 22 and led in prayer and preached from the 22nd chapter Genesis 4th verse.

Elder Anderson Whittie from the Durham Association lined hymn on page 33, preached from 1st Cor. 15 chapter and 32nd verse. "What profiteh it me if the dead rises not." The moderator lined hymn on page 615.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

This is the 17th annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Corner Line, Wilson County, North Carolina, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October in 1928.

Dear brothers, the Lord has permitted us to meet again from North, South, East and West. We are thankful to our heavenly father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty, wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the word of God may have its free course with us. We hope that peace may continue and all we do be done to the glory of God.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1 It shall be the duty of the church to meet in conference each month; each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to open the doors for the reception of new members to fellowship.

2 The oldest first in order.

3 It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.

4 No motion shall claim the attention of the moderator without a second.

5 Every motion made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6 Every member who speak in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderater, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject.

7 No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without consent from the conference.

8 No whispering and laughing shall be allowed in the time of conference. Nor shall any reflection be cast upon the speaker unless he depart from the subject.

9 No member shall absent himself from the conference without leave from the Moderater.

10 The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other membe, provided the chair be filled; and

he shall not vote unless the conference is equally disvided.

11 If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in sucession without some lawful excuse the deacons of the church shall look after him or her.

12 It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their churches.

13 No church in this union shall allow any minister who has beeen called down by three churches to preach in their pulpit nor bid them God's speed.

14 No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the eternal rights of the church.

15 Male members shall be only legal debators in any conference of the union.

16 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are observed.

17 An amendment to this form of government may be made by two thirds of the members present and voting.

18 Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt This motion was made by Elder N. Johnson. Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in speculation on Sabbath Day. We further agree that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our our pulpits who is given to drunkenness.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The twelve Articles of Faith upon which the Bethlehem Association was constituted, and for which she now contends:

1 We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God head, the Father, the Son and the Holy Gost.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of one eternal and special election, Deut. 7:6, Acts 22:14; Romans 8:30. Matt, 24:31; St. John 10:16. 6:37, Romans 9:11. Peter 1:2 and 2:9.

4 We believe in the doctrine of original sin; Gen. 3;6.

5 "Oh, Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11, Rom. 10:4, Gal. 3;21.

7 We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of Saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

8 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.

9 we believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

10 We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordinance only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

Elder S. Buston ..... Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder Dickens ..... Tarboro, N. C.
Elder R. Hyman ..... Fountain, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead ..... Pinetops, N. C.
Elder W. H. Howard ..... Rocky Mount, N, C.
Elder D. Baker ..... Kingsboro, N. C,
Elder Cromwell Farmer ..... Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Jarret Dancy ..... Williamston, N. C.
Elder Wiley Barnes ..... Stantonburg, N. C.
Elder J. J. Kaigled ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Henry Baker ..... Kingsboro, N. C.
Brother W. M. Weaver ..... Tarboro. N, C.

Statistical Table

			Received for Baptism	Received on Profession of faith	Received by letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excommunicated	Restored	Deceased	Number in Fellowship
Few In Number, Edgecombe	R. Hyman, Fountain	W. H. Hart, E. Smith	4	1	0	0	5	0	1	123
Bethlehem, Edgecombe	" "	V. Jenkins, Isaac Baker	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	59
Living Hope, Edgecombe	G. Dickens, Tarboro	B.F. Davis, J. Wooten	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	59
Corner Line, Wilson	S. Buston, Sharpsburg	B. Dawson, Wiley Barnes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
New Hope, Wilson	" "	V. Jenkins, Kelly Jonhson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Stoney Creek, Nash	G. Dickens, Tarboro	Sam Lucas, Simpson Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe	" "	B.F. Davis, Chas. Powell	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20
Little Rock Valley, Edgecome	" "	Sam Lucas, J. Kaigled	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Traveler's Rest, Wilson	J. H. Winstead, Pinetops	B.F. Davis, June Acocks	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	15
Mt. Olive, Pitt	" "	W.H. Hart, Hubert Shelly	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Diggs Chapel, Wayne	W. Barnes, Stantonsburg	J. H. Ellis, Wiley Barner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Zion Hill, Nash	C. Farmer, Macclesfield	Isaac Baker, Geo. Joynes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

MINUTES
18th Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association

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Held with the Few In Number Church
Edgecombe County, N.. C.

Commencing Friday before the 2nd Sunday
in October, 1928

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PROCEEDING

Friday, October 12th, 1928.

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Few In Number Church, Edgecombe County, N.C. on the above date. Elder R. Hyman opened by singing hymn No. 530. Elder R. Hyman led in prayer, Elder S. Buston sang hymn No. 527. and preached the introduction sermon from 2nd Timothy 4th chapter 7th verse. Elder R. Hyman alternate preached from Acts 10th chapter 5th verse. Then the moderator dismissed for one hour,

The association reassembled with Elder S. Buston presiding, The moderator sang hymn No, 188, Elder Anderson Whittie led in prayer, Then the moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston be chosen moderator of association, Agreed on motion that Bro. Sam Lucas be chosen clerk and that Bro, Willie Wright Williams be chosen assistant clerk. Agreed on motion that visiting brethren and messengers be invited to sit with us and take part in conference, and feel themselves at home. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston, B F. Davis, W. H. Hart be committee on preaching from day to day.

The committee decided to send to the stand Bro. Garfield Wooten, Elder Hassie Hemby, Elder Jarrett Dancy to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that we send Bro. Simpson Hart to record the ministers texts from day to day. Agreed on motion that Bros. B. F. Davis, W. H. Hart, Isaac Baker be a committee on finance. Agreed on motion that correspondiug letters be read and messengers make their report. From the Tar River Association Elder George Hemby, Elder Hassie Hemby came forth with a file of minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that report of Tar River messengers be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers from the Durham Association Elder Anderson Whittie came forth representing peace and desiring correspondence to continue Agreed on motion the delegates from the Durham Association be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for,

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called for. Twelve letters were handed in and read by the clerk, Agreed on motion the letters from sister churches be received. Agreed on motion that we see where the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association shall sit.

Diggs Chapel, Johnson Chapel, New Hope, Zion Hill and Living Hope asked for it. Agreed on motion that the next session set with Living Hope church, Edgecombe County N. C., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1929. Agreed that Elder S. Buston preach the introductory sermon and Elder George Dickens alternate. Agreed on motion the moderator and clerk prepare the circular letter.

Agreed on motion that the association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The moderator lined hymn number 505. Benediction by Elder Anderson Whittie.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 13

The association met according to adjournment. The moderator opened the conference by singing hymn 293 and Elder George Hemby offered prayer. The moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches be called and yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be received. It was agreed on motion that the finance committee make its report. Agreed on motion that the finance committee's report be received. Agreed on motion that we take up unfinished business. The committee decided to send to the stand Bro. William Weaver, Elder Wiley Barnes, Elder Farmer, Elder Howard to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that this conference forgive Brother Billie Dawson for his absence. Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit sister association. It was agreed on motion that we send Elder Buston and Elder Dickens to the Tar River Association. Agreed on motion that we send Elder S. Buston, Elder R. Hyman to the Durham Association. Agreed on motion that we have 550 copies printed under the supervision of moderator and clerk. Agreed on motion that the articles of faith and church decorum be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that the ministers and their post offices be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion that this conference forgive Bro. John Ellis for his absence. Agreed

on motion that this association forgive Bro. Julius Hart for his absence from the conference.
Agreed on motion that if no other buisness the association adjourn by singing hymn No. 397. Benediction by Elder Anderson Whittie.

ELDER S. BUSTON, Moderator
S. B. LUCAS, Clerk.

Willie Wright Williams, Assistant Clerk.

FRIDAY

MINISTERS TEXT

Bro. Garfield Wooten sang hymn No. 16 and led in prayer and preach from the 4th chapter St. John and 1st verse. Elder Hassie Hemby sang hymn No. 288 and preached from the 1st Kings 19th chapter 11th and 12th verses.

Elder Jarret Dancy sang the closing hymn No. 189.

Saturday Morning Bro. Willie Weaver sang hymn No. 141. Elder Jarrett Dancy led in prayer. Bro. Weaver preached from Deut. 32nd chapter and 9th verse. Elder Wiley Barnes sang hymn No 389, and preached about Noah. Elder Cromwell Farmer sang hymn No. 18 and preached from Acts 20th chapter, 22nd verse. Elder William Howard sang hymn No. 76 and preached from Ezekiel 37th chapter and 1st verse. The Moderator sang hymn No. 413.

SATURDAY EVENING

Saturday evening Elder Dower Baker sang hymn No. 187. The Moderator led in prayer, Elder George Hemby sang hymn No. 353 and preached from Genesis 14th chapter 1st verse. Elder Anderson Whittie from the Durham Association sang hymn No. 184 and preached from St. John 15 chapter and the 1st verse. The moderator sang the closing hymn No. 147.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning Elder Jim Kaigled sang hymn No, 338 and led in prayer. Bro. Robert Day from the Durham Association sang hymn. No. 476 and preached from John 3rd chapter. Elder R. Hyman sang hymn No. 288. and preached from St. John 14th chapter. Elder Dickens's text was "I am the rose of Sharon, a lily of the valley," Elder Anderson Whittie from the Durham Association preached the closing sermon, afterwhich Elder John Winstead sang hymn 681.

CIRCULAR LETTER

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Dear brothers, the Lord has permitted us to meet again from North, East, South and West. We are thankful to our heavenly father for preserving our lives. On how good it is for brothers to dwell together in peace.

God has commanded us to "stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free." Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the word of God may have its free course with us. We hope that peace may continue and all we do be done to the glory of God,

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Elder S. Buston ..... Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder G. Dickens ..... Tarboro, N. C.
Elder R. Hyman ..... Fountain, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead ..... Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Cromwell Farmer ..... Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder William Howard ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Jarrett Dancy ..... Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Dower Baker ..... Kingsboro, N. C.
Elder J. J. Kaigled, ... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Bro. Henry Baker ..... Kingsboro, N. C.
Bro. Willie Weaver ..... Tarboro, N. C.
Bro. Garfield Wooten ..... Macclesfield, N. C.

MEETING DAYS

Few in Number the 3rd Sunday and Saturday before
Bethlehem the 4th Sunday and Saturday before
Living Hope the 4th Sunday and Saturday before
Corner Line the 4th Sunday and Saturday before
New Hope the 2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Stoney Creek the 2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Johnson Chapel the 4th Sunday and Saturday before
Little Rock Valley the 3rd Sunday and Saturday before
Traveler's Rest the 2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Mt. Olive the 1st Sunday and Saturday before
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Zion Hill the 1st Sunday and Saturday before

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13. No church in this union shall allow any minister who has been called down by three churches to preach in their pulpit nor bid them God's speed.

14. No deacons or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the eternal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any conference of the union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are observed.
17. An amendment to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.
18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in its fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt. This motion was made by Elder N. Johnson. Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in speculation on the Sabbath Day.

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4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:6.
5. "Oh, Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11, Rom. 10:4, Gal. 3:21.
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8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.
9. We believe that the punishment of wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteousness will be eternal.
10. We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordiance only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

NOTICE—Under the heading "Meeting Days" 3rd line, the meeting day for Living Hope is mis-stated. It should read "the first Sunday and Saturday before."

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches and Counties	Elders and Post Office	Delegates	Rec'd for baptism	Rec'd on profession of faith	Rec'd by letter	Dismiss by letter	Excommunicated	Restored	Deceased	Members in Fellowship
Few in Number, Edgecombe	R. Hyman, Fountain	W. H. Hart, E. L. Smith	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	124
Bethlehem, Edgecombe	R. Hyman "	V. Jenkins, Isaac Baker	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	37
Living Hope, Edgecombe...	G. Dickens, Tarboro	B. F. Davis, J. Wooten	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	60
Corner Line Wilson	S. Buston, Sharpsburg	B. Dawson, W. Barnes	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	19
New Hope, Wilson	S. Buston "	Kelly Johnson, A. Horne	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
Stoney Creek, Nash	G Dickens, Tarboro	S. Lucas, A. Lucas.....	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	15
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe	G. Dickens, "	A. Lucas, C. Powell.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	22
Little Rock Valley, Edgecom	G. Dickens, "	S. Lucas, J. Hart	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
Traveller's Rest, Wilson...	J. H. Winstead. Pine Top	B. F. Davis, A. Cox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Mt. Olive, Pitt	J. H. Winstead. Pine Top	W. H. Hart, H. Shelly...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Diggs Chapel, Wayne..... ...	W. Barnes, Stantonburg	J. Ellis, V. Dawson.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
Zion Hill, Nash	C. Farmes, Macclesfield	Isaac Baker, G. Joyner...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist ASSOCIATION.

Held with the Living Hope Baptist Church
Edgecombe County, N. C.
Commencing Friday before the 2nd Sunday
in October, 1929

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Friday, Oct. 11, 1929

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Living Hope Church. Edgcombe County, N. C., Elder S. Buston presiding. He lined hymn 530. Elder Dickens led in prayer. Elder Buston preached the introductory sermon from Romans the 10th chapter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verse. Elder G. Dickens, alternate preached from Roman 7th chapter.

The moderator lined hymn 503 and dismissed for one hour. The Association reassembled with Elder S. Buston presiding. The moderator lined hymn 188. Elder Anderson Whittie offered prayer. The moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that Bro Sam Lucas be clerk, and Bro. Willie Wright Williams be assistant clerk.

It was agreed on motion that visiting brothers and messengers be invited to seats with us and take part in our conferences and feel themselves at home. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston, B.F. Davis, W. H. Hart be a commitee on arrangement for preaching from day to day. The committee decided to send to the stand brothers William Weaver and Henry Baker, Hassie Hemby and Cromwell Farmer. Agreed on motion that we send brother Simpson Hart to the stand to record the ministers text from day to day. Agreed on motion that B. F. Davis, W H Hart, and Isaac Baker, be appointed a committee on finance Agreed on motion that corresponding messengers and delegates make their reports. From the Tar River Association Elder Hassie Hemby came forth representing peace and desiring correspondence to continue. From the Durham Association Elder Anderson Whittie came forth representing peace and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to the messengers from the Tar River and Durham Associations. It was agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for. No response was made. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for. Twelve letters were handed in and read by the clerk. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be received. Agreed on motion that we see where the next session of the Primitive Baptist Association shall set. New Hope and Zion Hill asked for the next session. Agreed on motion that the next session set with the New Hope church, Wilson Co., commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October,

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1930, nine miles from Elm City, ten miles from Wilson. Agreed on motion that Elder S. Buston preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Dickens alternate. It was agreed on motion that the moderator and the clerk prepare the circular letter. Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. The moderator lined hymn 507. Benediction by Elder Anderson Whittie.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met according to adjournment. The moderator opened by lining hymn 200. Elder Buston offered prayer. The moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that roll be called and yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be received. Agreed on motion that finance committee make its report. Agreed on motion that report of finance committee be received. Agreed on motion that we take up the unfinished business of the Association. The committee decided to send to the stand Bro. Garfield Wooten, Bro. Thomas and Elder Wiley Barnes and Elder J. H. Winstead to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit sister Associations.

Agreed on motion that we send to the Tar River Association Elders S. Buston and G. Dickens. Agreed on motion that we send Elder S. Buston and G. Dickens to the Durham Association 1930, High Rock Church, five miles north of Mable, Alamance County.

Agreed on motiod that we have 550 minutes printed under the supervision of the moderator and clerk. Agreed on motion that the articles of faith and church decorum be printed in the minutes.

Agreed on motion that the association's treasurer make his report. It was agreed on motion that the report of the treasurer be received. Agreed on motion that the ministers and their post-offices be printed in the minutes. It was agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that if no other business the conference adjourn by singing hymn 345.

Elder S. Buston, ~~Clerk~~ Moderator
Sam Lucas, Clerk
Willie Wright Williams, Ass't. Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the 19th annual session of the Bethlehem Baptist Association held with the Living Hope Church, Edge-

combe County, Commencing Friday before the 2nd Sun day in October 1929.

Dear brothers; The Lord has permitted us to meet again from the north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our heavenly father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brothers to dwell together in peace. God has commanded us to "stand fast in the liberty, wherein Christ has made us free." Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the word of God may have its free course with us. We hope that peace may continue and all we do be done to the glory of God.

MINISTERS TEXTS

Friday P. M. —Bro. William Wesson lined hymn 189, afterwhich Elder Cromwell Farmer led in prayer and Bro. William Weaver preached from Genesis 22nd chapter and the 7th verse. Bro. Henry Baker lined hymn 200. "Let not your heart be troubled, if ye believe in God, believe also in me."

Elder Hassel Hembry sang hymn on page 288 and preached from 26th chapter of the Acts of the Apostle.

Elder Cromwell Farmer lined hymn on page 18 and preached from the 20th Psalms. The moderator lined hymn 413 for the closing.

Saturday morning, Bro. Garfield Wooten lined hymn 57 and led in prayer and preached from Deut. and 9th verse. Bro. George Thomson from the Durham Association lined hymn 35 and preached from John 3rd chapter 3rd verse. Elder Wylie Barnes lined hymn on page 468 and preached from Acts of the Apostle. Elder John Winstead lined hymn on page 153 and preached from St. John 1st chapter 1st verse. Elder Dower Baker lined hymn 128 and preached from 90th Psalms. The moderator lined hymn 284 for the closing.

Saturday evening, Elder Garrett Dancy lined hymn 288 and led in prayer and preached from 32nd chapter of Deut. and 1st verse.

Elder Anson Whitaker from the Durham Association lined hymn 149 and preached from, "I am the way, the truth, the life, no man can come to the father but by me." The moderator lined hymn 559.

Sunday morning brother Mark lined hymn 184 and led in prayer, afterwhich Elder George Hembry from the Tar River Association lined hymn 22 and preached from 22nd chapter of Genesis and the 8th verse.

Elder Anson Whitaker from the Durham Association lined hymn 215 and preached from the 25th chapter of St. Matthew, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." Elder R. Hyman lined hymn 73, and preached from Daniel in the lions den. The moderator lined hymn 623.

MINISTERS AND THEIR TEXTS

Elder S. Buston, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder George Dickens, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder R. Hyman, Fountain, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Cromwell Farmer, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Wiley Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C.
Elder William Howard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Jarrett Dancy, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Dower Baker, Kingsboro, N. C.
Bro. Henry Baker, Kingsboro, N. C.
Bro. William Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.
Bro. Garfield Wooten, Macclesfield, N. C.
Bro. Mack Hines, Rocky Mount, N. C.

MEETING DAYS

Few-in-Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before
Stoney Creek—Second Sunday and Saturday before
Johnson Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturdary before
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before
Travelers Rest—Second Sunday and Saturday before
Mt. Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before
Diggs Chapel—First Sunday and Saturday before
Zions Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a moderator, whose duty it shall be to open the doors for the reception of new members to fellowship.
2. The oldest first in order.
3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases

and the majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the moderator without a second.

5. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

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8. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without consent from the conference.

9. No whispering and laughing shall be allowed in the time of conference, nor shall any reflection be cast upon the speaker unless he departs from the subject.

01. No member shall absent himself from the conference without leave from the moderator.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair is filled; and he shall not vote unless the conference is equally divided.

12. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse the deacons of the church shall look after him or her.

13. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their churches,

14. No church in this union shall allow any minister who has been called down by three churches to preach in their pulpit nor bid them God's speed.

15. No deacons or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the eternal rights of the church.

16. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any conference of the union.

17. It shall be the duty, of the Moderator to see that these rules are observed.

18. An amendment to this form of government may be made by two thirds of the members present and voting.

19. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church who holds a member in its fellowship that she knows he or she will not pay an honest debt

Agreed on motion that we will not fellowship any member who is known to take part in speculation on the Sabbath day.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following articles of faith upon which the Bethlehem Association was constituted, and for which she now contends.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in God's head, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of one eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6 Acts 22:14; Romans 8:30, Matt. 24: 31. St. John 10:16 6; 37, Romans 9:11, Peter 1:2 and 2:9.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:6.

5. "Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa 53:11 Romans 10:4. Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of Saints feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.

9. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

10 We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordinance only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the Preabytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches and Counties	Elders and Post Offices	Delegates	Received for baptism	Rec'd on prof'n. of faith	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excommunicated	Restored	Deceased	Members in fellowship
Few In Number, Edgecombe	Elder R. Hyman, Fountain, N.C.	W. Hart, E. Smith	0	9	0	0	3	2	1	129
Bethlehem, Edgecombe	" " "	V. Jenkens, Israel Baker	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	55
Living Hope, Edgecombe	G. Dickens, Tarboro,	B. F. Davis, J. Walters	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	57
Corner Line, Wilson	S. Buston, Sharpsburg	B. Dawson, W. Barnes	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	19
New Hope, Wilson	S. Buston, "	R. Johnson, A. Horne	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15
Stoney Creek, Nash	G. Dickens, Tarboro	S, Lucas, *A*. Lucas	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe	G. Dickens, Tarboro	J. Barrett, Chas, Powell	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	22
Little Rock Valley, Edgecombe	G. Dickens, Tarboro	S, Lucas, Andrew Lucas	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
Travelers' Rest, Wilson	J. H, Winstead, Pine Top	B. Davis, J. A. Cox	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Mt. Olive, Pitt	J. H. Winstead, "	W, Hart, H. Shelley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Diggs Chapel, Wayne	W. Barnes, Stantonsburg	R. Otis, W. Dawson	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	10
Zion Hill, Nash	C. Farmer, Macclesfield	Israel Baker, J. Joyner	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3

STATISTICAL TABLE

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Few In Number, Edgecombe, Elder R. Hyman, Fountain, N. C. Delegates, W. Hart and E. Smith.
Received on profession of faith 9, excommunicated 3, restored 2, deceased 1, members in fellowship 129.

Bethlehem, Edgecombe, Elder R. Hyman, Fountain, delegates V. Jenkins, Israel Baker.
Received for baptism 1, Restored 2, members in fellowship 55.

Living Hope, Edgecombe, G. Dickens, Tarboro. Delegates B. F. Davis, J. Wooten, excommunicated 1, deceased 2, Members in fellowship 57.

Corner Line, Wilson, Elder S. Buston, Sharpsburg, delegates B. Dawson, W. Barnes. Received for baptism 1. restored 1, Members in fellowship 19.

New Hope, Wilson, Elder S. Buston, Sharpsburg, delegates R. Johnson, A. Horne, deceased 2, members in fellowship 15.

Stoney Creek, Nash, Elder G. Dickens, Tarboro, delegates, S. Lucas, A. Lucas, Received for baptism 2, restored 2, in fellowship 17.

Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe, Elder, G. Dickens, Tarboro, delegates J. Barrett, Chas. Powell, restored 1, in fellowshship 22.

Little Rock Valley, Edgecombe, G. Dickens, S. Lucas, A. Lucas, received by baptism 2, received on profession of faith 1, excommunicated 1, members in fellowship 13.

Traveler's Rest, Wilson, Elder J. H. Winstead, Pinetops, N. C., B. Davis, J. Alux. Received by baptism 3, excommunicated 1, In fellowship 12.

Mt. Olive, Pitt, Elder J. H. Winstead, J. W. Hart. Shelly Recived for baptism 1, In fellowship 6.

Diggs Chapel, Wayne, W. Barnes, Stantonsburg, R. Otis, W. Davis, received on professsion of faith 2, deceased 1, In fellowship 10

Zion Hill, Nash, Elder C. Farmer, Macclesfied, delegates Israel Baker, J. Joyner. Members in fellowship 3.

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, October 7, 1932

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met with the Bethlehem Church, Edgecombe County, N. C. Elder G. Dickens opened by lining hymn No. 73, prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Winstead, after which Elder Dickens preached the introductory sermon from the 6th chapter of Isa, the Prophet, 66th verse. Elder R. Hyman, alternate, lined hymn No, 492 and preached from the 1st chapter of St. John, 1st verse. The moderator dismissed for one hour.

The Association reassembled with Elder Dickens presiding. The moderator lined hymn No. 215, Elder R. Hyman offered Prayer. The moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that Elder G. Dickens be chosen moderator of the Association. Agreed on motion that bro. Sam Lucas be chosen clerk. Agreed on motion that brother Willie Wright Williams be chosen assistant clerk. Agreed on motion that visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations be invited to sit with us and take a part in our conference and feel themselves at home. Agreed on motion that Elder Dickens, W. H. Hart, and brother Andrew Lucas be a committee on arrangement of preaching from day to day. The committee decided to send to the stand brother W. M. Weaver, brother Henry Byrd, Elder Hassel Hymbry, Elder Cromwell Farmer to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that we send brother Simpson Hart to the stand to record the minister's text from day to day. Agreed on motion that brother W. H. Hart, Isaac Baker and brother Andrew Lucas be a committee on finance. Agreed on motion that corresponding messegers from sister associations make their report. From the Durham Association Elder Anderson Whitted and Elder Lacy Alston came forth representing peace and desiring correspondence to continue Agreed on motion that the delegates be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. From the Tar River Association Elder George Hembry, Elder Hassel Hembry came forth representing peace and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that delegates be received by the moderator with the right hand of fellowship to the messengers, Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called

for. Brother Henry Whitfield and brother William Hart came forth from the Willow Chapel church with a letter of petition desiring to become a member of the Association, Agreed on motion that the letter be read. Agreed on motion that the delegates and the letter be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for and read, Thirteen letters were handed in and read by the clerk, Agreed on motion that letters from sister churces be received, Agreed motion that we see where the next Bethlehem Association shall sit. Johnson Chapel, Stony Creek, Few-In-Number asked for the next session, Agreed on motion that the next Bethlehem Association sit with the Johnson Chapel church, Tarboro, Edgecombe County, N. C. commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1932. Agreed on motion that Elder George Dickens preach the Introductory sermon and Elder R. Hyman alternate. Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk prepare the circular letter. Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. The moderator lined hymn No, 503, Benediction by Elder Lacy Alston.

Elder George Dickens, Moderator
S. B. Lucas, Clerk
Willie Wright Williams, Asst. Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, October 8, 1932

The Association met according to adjournment. The moderator lined hymn number 487, Elder Lacy Alston offered prayer, then the moderator announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches be called and yesterday's proceedings and the circular letter be read, Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings and circular letter be received. Agreed on motion that the finance committee make their report. Agreed on motion that the report of the finance committee be received. Agreed on motion that we take up unfinished business. The committee decided to send to the stand brother Garfield Wooten, brother Bob Day, Elder Wiley Barnes and Elder Wm. Howard to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit sister associations with whom we are in correspondence. Agreed on motion that we send to the Tar River Association Elder George Dickens and Elder R. Hyman Agreed on motion that we send to the Durham Associa-

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tion Elder George Dickens, and Elder R. Hyman, Agreed on motion that we have 550 copies of minutes printed under the supervision of the moderator and clerk, Agreed on motion that that the Association's treasury make it's report, Agreed on motion that the report be received and adopted. The amount in the treasury was $1.85 Agreed on motion that Articles of faith and Church Decorum be printed in our minutes, Agreed on motion that ministers and their post offices be printed in the minutes. Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that baptism take place tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn. The moderator lined hymn number 582, Benediction by Elder Anderson Whitted.

Elder George Dickens, moderator
Samuel B. Lucas, Clerk
Willie W. Williams, Asst. Clerk

MINISTERS TEXTS

FRIDAY NIGHT

Bro. Wm. Weaver lined hymn number 141. Elder Hassel Hembry offered prayer, after which Bro. Wm. Weaver preached from the 7th. chapter of Genesis, 1st verse. Elder Hasel Hembry lined hymn number 288 and preached from the 24th chapter of Numbers, 1st verse. Elder Cromwell Farmer lined hymn number 18 and preached from the 8th chapter of Rome, 1st verse. Bro. Henry Byrd lined Hymn number 285 and preached from the 9th chapter of Rome, The moderator lined hymn number 612 for closing.

SATURDAY MORNING

Bro. Garfield Wooten lined hymn number 57. Prayer was offered by Elder Wiley Barnes, after which Bro, Garfield Wooten preached from Deut. 32:9. Elder Robert Day lined hymn number 395 and preached from Corrinthians 2. Elder Wiley Barnes lined hymn number 356 and preached from St. John 1:1. Elder William Howard lined hymn number 76 and preached from Deut. 32:4, The moderator lined hymn number 626 for closing.

SATURDAY EVENING

Elder Dower Baker lined hymn number 418, Prayer was offered by Elder Cromwell Farmer, after which Elder Baker preached from Amos 3:12. Elder Wm. Thoma-

son lined hymn number 397 and preached from Ezk. 37:1 Elder Jarrett Dancy lined hymn number 73 and preached from Isiah 40:6. Elder John Winstead lined hymn number 153 and preached from Deut. 32:9. The moderator lined hymn number 540 for closing.

SUNDAY MORNING

The moderator lined hymn number 200. Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. Howard, after which Elder Lacy Alston lined hymn number 202 and preached from Joel 2:1. Elder Geo Hembry lined hymn number 273 and preached from Gen 14;29. Elder Anderson Whitted lined hymn number 352 and preached from 4:4. Elder R. Hyman lined hymn number 353 and preached from Ezek. 37. The moderator lined hymn number 13 for closing.

Ministers and their Post Offices

Elder Geo. Dickens	Tarboro,	N.	C.
Elder R. Hyman	Fountain,	N	C
Elder J. H. Winstead	Tarboro,	N	C
Elder Cromwell Farmer	Macclesfield,	N	C
Elder Wm. Howard	Rocky Mount,	N	C
Elder Wiley Barnes	Stantonsburg,	N	C
Elder Dower Baker	Kingsboro,	N	C
Elder Jarret Dancy	Pine Tops,	N	C
Brother Garfield Wooten	Macclesfield,	N	C
Brother Wm Weaver	Tarboro,	N	C
Brother Mark Hines	Rocky Mount.	N	C

SABBATH MEETING DAYS.

Few in Number	Third	Sunday	and Saturday	before
Bethlehem	Fourth	"	"	"
Living Hope	First	"	"	"
Corner Line	Fourth	"	"	"
New Hope	Second	"	"	"
Stoney Creek	"	"	"	"
Johnson Chapel	Fourth	"	"	"
Little Rock Valley	Third	"	"	"
Travellers Rest	Second	"	"	"
Mt. Olive	First	"	"	"
Diggs Chapel	"	"	"	"
Zion Hill	"	"	"	"
Willows Chapel	"	"	"	"

CIRCULAR LETTER

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12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their churches.
13. No church in this Union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits nor bid him Cod's speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the eternal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any conference union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are carried out,

17. Any amendment to this form of government may be made by two thirds of the members present and voting

18. Moved, seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpits who is given to drunkeness,

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The twelve Articles of Faith upon which the Bethlehem Association was constituted, and for which she now contends.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God head: the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6, Acts. 23:14, Romans 8:30, Matt. 25;31 St. John 10;16, 6.37, Romans 9;11, Peter 1:2 and 2:9.

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6. We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53;11, Rom. 10;4, Gal. 3;21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and shall never finally fall away.

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10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES & COUNTRY	Elders & Pastors	Delegates	Received for Baptism	Received on profession of Faith	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excommunicated	Restored	Deceased	Members in Fellowship
Few Hill Number, Edgecombe	A. Hyman, Mountain	W. H. Hart, Mack Baker	5	0	0	0	4	2	7	172
Bethlehem "	"	Wm. Jenkins, Isaac Baker	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	50
Living Hope "	Geo. Dickens, Tarboro	Jas Wooter, Willie Graham	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	76
Corner Line Wilson	Wiley Barnes, Stantonsburg	Willie Dawson Wiley Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
New Hope "	"	Kelly Johnson, C. Atkinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Stony Creek Nash	Geo. Dickens, Tarboro	S. B. Lucas, Andrew Lucas	1	6	0	0	0	0	2	21
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe	"	J. H. Charles, Charley Powell	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	22
Little Rock Valley "	"	S. B. Lucas, Mark Hines	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Travelers Rest, Wilson	J. H. Winstead, Pine Top	B. Dawson, J. H. Winstead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Mt. Olive, Pitt	"	H. Shelley, A. Moore	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Diggs Chapel, Wayne	Wiley Barnes, Stantonsburg	C. Artis, J. H. Ellis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Zion Hill, Nash	C. Farmer, Macclesfield	Isaac Baker, Octavis Hunter	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Willow Chapel "	Jarratt Dancy	Henry Whitaker, W. H. Hart	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	6

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MINUTES

Of The

23rd Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association

Held with Johnson Chapel Church, Edgecombe Co., N. C.

Commencing Friday Before the Second Sunday in October 1933

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Minutes of the

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Commencing Friday before the 2nd unday in Oct., 1933

Held with the Johnson Chapel Church, Edgecombe Co., N. C

PROCEEDINGS

October 6, 1933

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met with the Johnson Chapel Baptist Church, Edgecombe Co., N. C., on the above date. Elder R. Hyman opened by singing hymn 507. Elder J. Dancy offered prayer, Elder R Hyman preached the introductory sermon from the 11th chapter of St Matthew. Elder R. Hyman dismissed for one hour.

The Association reassembled. Elder R. Hyman lined hymn No. 300. Elder Anderson Whitted offered prayer. Elder R Hyman announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that Elder R Hyman be chosen moderator of the Association.

Agreed on motion that brother Sam Lucas be chosen clerk and brother Willie Wright Williams assistant clerk. Agreed on motion that visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations be invited to seats with us and take part in conference and feel themselves at home. Agreed on motion that Elder R. Hyman and Bro. W. H. Hart and brother Andrew Lucas be a committee on arrangement of preaching from day to day. The committee decided to send to the stand Elder Dower Baker, Elder J. Dancy, Elder C. Farmer to preach for the people.

Agreed on motion that we send brother Simpson Hart to the stand to record the ministers texts from day to day. Agreed on motion that brothers W. H. Hart, Isaac Baker and Andrew Lucas be a committee on finance. Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Asciation drop correspondence with the Tar River association Agreed on motion that corresponding messengers from sister associations make their reports. From the Durham Association the Elder Anderson Whitted and brother Willis Carthage came forth representing peace and desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegates from the Durham Association be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for and read, Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be received.

Thirteen letters were handed in and read by the clerk. Agreed on motion that we see where the next Bethlehem Association shall meet. Stony Creek and Living Hope asked for the next session.

Agreed on motion that the next session meet with the Stoney Creek church, Nash County, N.C., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1934

Agreed on motion that Elder R. Hyman preach the introductory sermon and Elder J, H. Winstead alternate. Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk prepare the circular letter, Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn until to-morrow morning

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nine o'clock. The moderator lined hymn No. 503. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead

Saturday Morning—October 7th

The Association met according to adjournment. The moderator lined hymn No 395. Elder William Howard offered prayer. Then the moderator announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that the roll of churches be called and yesterday's proceedings and circular letter be read, Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings and circular letter be received. Agreed on motion that the finance committee make its report, Agreed on motion that the report of finance committee be received. Agreed on motion that we take up unfinished business.

The committee decided to send to the stand brother Peter Morgan, Elder W. M. Weaver, Elder Garfield Wooten to preach for the people Agreed on motion that we take delegates to visit sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence, Agreed on motion that we send Elder R. Hyman and Elder C. Farmer to the Durham Association in 1934 at Snow Hill, seven miles North of Mebane. Agreed on motion that we have 550 copies of minutes printed under the supervision of the moderator and clerk.

Agreed on motion that the treasurer make his report. Agreed on motion that report of treasurer be received The treasurer had on hand $6 00. Agreed on motion that the articles of faith and the decorum be printed in the minutes. Agreed on motion that the ministers' post offices be printed in the minutes.

Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn. The moderator lined hymn No. 606, Benediction by Elder Jarrett Dancy.

Elder R. Hyman, Moderator
S. B. Lucas, Clerk
Willie Wright Williams, Assistant Clerk

MINISTERS TEXTS

Friday Evening

Elder F.L. Baker lined hymn 288 and preached from 25th chapter St, Matthew and 1st verse, Elder Cromwell Farmer lined hymn page number 22 and preached from "In that day shall this song be sung."—Isaiah. Elder Jarrett Dancy lined hymn page 73 and preached from the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy and the 1st verse, The moderator lined hymn on page 626 for the close,

Saturday Morning,

Brother Peter Morgan lined hymn page 356 and led in prayer,

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and preached from 9th chapter St. John, 1st and 2nd verses. Elder William Weaver lined hymn 200 and preached from the 90th Division of the Psalms. Elder Garfield Wooten lined hymn page 76 and preached from the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy and the 9th verse, The moderator lined hymn 305. Recessed.

Saturday Evening

Elder Wylie Barnes lined hymn page 356 and preached from the 1st chapter St. John and the 1st verse. Elder William Corbett from the Durham Association lined hymn 490 and preached from the 1st chapter St. John Elder William Howard lined hymn page 492 and preached from the subject: "I thought." 12th chapter 2nd Kings. Elder Johny Winstead lined hymn page 153 and preached from 7th chapter Revelation and 1st verse. The moderator lined hymn 689.

Sunday Morning

Elder Johny Winstead lined hymn on page 482. Elder William Weaver led in prayer after which Elder Johny Winstead preached from 32nd Deuteronomy and 9th verse. Elder Anderson Whitted from the Durham Association lined hymn 273 and preached from the 32nd chapter Deuteronomy. Elder R. Hyman preached from 37th chapter of Ezekiel 4th verse after which he lined hymn on page 298.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren: The Lord has permitted us to meet again from north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our heavenly father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with Godly fear and pray that the word of God may have its free course, and in all we do be done to the glory of God.

Ministers and their Post Offices

Elder [redacted]	[redacted]	
" R. Hyman	Fountain,	"
" J. H. Winstead,	Tarboro,	"
" Cromwell Farmer,	Maclesfield,	"
" Wm. Howard,	Rocky Mount,	"
" Wiley Barnes	Stantonsburg,	"
" Dower Baker	Kingsboro,	"
" Jarrett Dancy	Pine Tops	"
" Garfield Wooten,	Macclesfield,	"
" Wm, Weaver,	Tarboro,	"

Sabbath Meeting Days

Few in Number,	Third	Sunday and Saturday before
Bethlehem	Fourth	" " "
Living Hope	First	" " "
Corner Line	Fourth	" " "
New Hope	2nd	" " "
Stoney Creek	2nd	" " "
Johnson Chapel	Fourth	" " "
Little Rock Valley	Third	" " "
Travellers Rest	2nd	" " "
Mt. Olive	First	" " "
Diggs Chapel	First	" " "
Zion Hill	First	" " "
Williams Chapel	First	" " "

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1 It shall be the duty of the church to meet in conference each month; each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall chose a Moderator, whose duty shall be to open the doors for the reception of new members to fellowship.

2 The oldest first in order

3 It shall be duty of each member to vote in all cases and majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship

4 No motion shall claim the attention of the moderator without a second

5 Every motion made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it

6 Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7 No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without the consent of the conference.

8 No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of conference.

9 No member shall absent himself from the conference without leave of the moderator.

10 The moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11 If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him or her.

12 It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their churches

13 No church in this Union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpit nor bid him God's speed

14 No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the eternal rights of the church.

15 Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any conference union

16 It shall be the duty of the moderator to see that these rules are carried out

17 Any amendments to this form of government may be made br two thirds of the members present and voting.

18 Moved and seconded that this association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpits who is given to drunkeness.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The twelve articles of faith upon which the Bethlehem Association was constituted and for which she now contends.

1 We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God head: the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2 We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice

3 We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7;6; Acts 23:14; Romans 8:30, Matt 25:31, St. John 10;16 6:37, Romans 9;11, Peter 1:2, and 2:9

4 We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:6

5 "Oh Lord, I know that the ways of man are not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11, Roman 10:4, Gal. 3:21

7 We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost,

8 We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and shall never finally fall away.

9 We believe that the baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement

11 We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12 We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinance, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

Statissical Table

Churches & Counties	Elders and Post Offices	Delegates	Received for Baptism	Rec'd. on profession of Faith	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excommunicated	Restored	Deceased	Members in Fellowship
Few-in-Number, Edgecombe	R. Hyman, Fountain, N.C.	W. Hart, Mack Baker	10	0	0	0	3	3	3	129
Bethlehem "	" "	V. Jenkins, Isaac Baker	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
Living Hope "		J. Wooten, B. Gorham	10	0	0	0	1	1	1	65
Corner Line Wilson	Wiley Barnes "	B. Dawson, W. Edson	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
New Hope, "		R. Johnson, R. Adkinson	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Stony Creek Nash		S. Lucas, A. Lucas	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Johnson Chapel, Edgecombe		B. Cherry, C. Powell	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Little Rock Valley "		S. Lucas, S. Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traveler's Rest Wilson	J. H. Winstead, Tarboro	B. Dawson, J. Bynum	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Mt. Olive Pitt	" " "	H. Sh lly, A. Moore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Diggs Chapel Wayne	Wiley Barnes, Stantonburg	J. Ellis, A. Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Zion Hill Nash	C Farmer, Macclesfield	Isaac Baker, C. Farmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Willows Chapel, Edgecombe	J. Dancy, Pinetops	H. Whitfield, T. Sharp	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	13